## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Vocational Nurse

§ AGREED

License Number 169199

§

issued to EVER LORENE HILLIARD

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of EVER LORENE HILLIARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 169199, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 16, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 12, 1998. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 30, 1998.
- 5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.

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Executive Director of the Board

- 6. On or about July 13, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest or Nolo Contendere to POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA <= 40Z > 2 OZ, a lesser Class A misdemeanor offense committed on June 24, 2010, in the County Court of Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 57118. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months and ordered to pay court costs.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states on June 24, 2010, her home was searched by the police and she was arrested for possession of marijuana. She appeared in court and was placed on deferred adjudication probation for eighteen (18) months.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on March 5, 2012.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed on March 13, 2012.
- 10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her willingness to have the license(s) placed in inactive status.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 169199, heretofore issued to EVER LORENE HILLIARD, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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#### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT be convicted of the offense(s) as outlined in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), said judicial action will result in further disciplinary action including possible Revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas shall be placed in INACTIVE status.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL first successfully complete:

- A Board approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics; and
- The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program
  provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning
  Extension.

RESPONDENT SHALL submit verification of having successfully completed the above courses with any application(s) filed to reactivate her license(s). The courses must be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements required for the Respondent's application for reactivation of licensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

IT IS ALSO FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation.

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# RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation, including, at a minimum, the stipulated requirements of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status.

Signed this & day of Main

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

**DALTON W KUECKELHAN** My Commission Expires

Notary Public in and for the State of Texes

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>8</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2012, by EVER LORENE HILLIARD, Vocational Nurse License Number 169199, and said Order is final.



Effective this 12 day of June, 2012.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

I certify this to be a true copy of the records on file with the Texas Board of Nursing.

Date:

Signed: